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341. It becomes necessary to hold up such statements to public view, to abate the ardour for war, and to point out faithfully the numerous ills entailed by it on the community.

The limitation of bank discounts in London has occasioned, within a few months, a fall on many articles of merchandize and manufactures, in some instances in that market, to the amount of 10 per cent. Bankers, in most other places, have also been careful to restrict discounts: a practice, which, although in some instances it may have borne hard on individuals, has had probably, on the whole, a salutary effect, by restraining speculation, and limiting a too extended circulation of our paper currency.

The limitation of discounts may also have had a small tendency to produce the reduction of the premium on guineas; but the chief cause must be sought in the restoration of trade with the continent of Europe. If the open for trade is only temporary, a greater rise on the value of guineas may be expected.

Among the Documents, at pages 323 and 324, are placed two advertisements, the one relating to frauds practised in London, in relation to forcing sales of linens in that market, and the other pointing out the injury trade sustains by the prevalent practice of auctioneering. They discover the shifts to which the necessity of the times compels traders to have recourse, to force sales, and may be considered as corroborative of the statements in our last Report, that to meet diminished means, the practice of introducing articles of inferior quality, is becoming increasingly prevalent.

Hitherto, notwithstanding the commencement of the war, commercial intercourse with the United States of North America has kept pretty open. Flaxseed has arrived in such large quantities, as will probably be nearly sufficient to supply the spring's sowing; and other articles have been fully commensurate with the demand. But it is uncertain how long this state of things will continue. Congress, before its rising, had some laws before them, to regulate the trade of neutrals, and to prevent the use of British licences: if they had passed, serious difficulties would have been placed in the way of future intercourse. The bills were lost, by a manoeuvre of the minority in the Senate. By their constitution, Congress, previous to a new election of the House of Representatives, must terminate on a certain day. When that day arrived, some members of the Senate contrived, by long speeches, to occasion a delay, till the hour of twelve at night arrived. Thus the bills were lost for a time; but as Congress is to meet early in next month, the subject may be expected to be revived; and it remains to be seen, what measures for the regulation of trade will be then adopted; in the mean time, great uncertainty must continue to prevail.

Exchange on London has, through this month, in Belfast, remained pretty stationary at $6\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. In Dublin, the currency was 6 per cent.

NATURALIST'S REPORT.

From the 20th February, to the 20th April, 1813.

During the late Winter, while the Continent of Europe, and even England, experienced an unusual severity of cold, Ireland, warmed by Atlantic winds, had ice for a few days only on the smallest pools of still water; the Cretan Rock Rose (*Cistus Creticus*), Sage-leaved Rock Rose (*Cistus Salvifolius*), Indian Chrysanthemum (*Chrysanthemum Indicum*), in the open ground; and the Day smelling Ceronilla (*Ceronilla glauca*), with the Great Flowering Edwardsia (*Edwardsia grandiflora*), and small leaved (*Edwardsia microphylla*), trained against a wall, are now in flower. Indeed, so mild has been our winter, that some Annuals, as the Maritime Stock Gillyflower (*Cheiranthus maritimus*), in favourable situations, have survived the Winter, and are now in full flower.

March 3, Barren Strawberry (*Fragaria sterilis*), and Two-leaved Squill (*Scilla bifolia*), flowering.

5, Blue Anemone (*Anemone Apennina*), Small Narcissus (*Narcissus minor*), and Dog's-tooth Violet (*Erythronium Dens Canis*), flowering.

- 6, Neapolitan Crocus (*Crocus vernus* variety *Neapolitanus*) flowering.
 8, Scented Violet (*Viola odorata*) flowering. Black-bird (*Turdus merula*) singing.
 11, Double Daffodil (*Narcissus pseudo Narcissus*) flowering.
 14, Starry Crocus (*Crocus stellaris*) flowering.
 15, Figwort (*Ranunculus Ficaria*), Double-cupped *Andromeda* (*Andromeda calyculata*), and Lungwort. (*Pulmonaria officinalis*), flowering.
 24, Canadian Pear (*Pyrus Botryapium*) flowering.
 28, Wood Sorrel (*Oxalis Acetosella*) flowering.
 31, Wood Anemone (*Anemone Nemorosa*) flowering.
April 4, Redwing (*Turdus Iliacus*) not gone. Elm-leaved *Spiræa* (*Spiræa Ulmifolia*) flowering.
 8, Marsh Marigold (*Caltha palustris*), Alpine Wall Cress (*Arabis Alpina*), and Bulbous *Trichonema* (*Trichonema Bulbocodium*), flowering.
 9, Canadian *Rhodora* (*Rhodora Canadensis*), and *Stichwort* (*Stellaria Holostea*), flowering.
 10, Willow Wren (*Motacilla Trochilus*) come, and singing. Plums (*Prunus domestica*) flowering.
 11, A White Butterfly.
 12, Italian Squill (*Scilla Italica*), Small Fruited Black Cherry (*Prunus Avium*), Laurel (*Prunus Lauro-Cerasus*), White Daffodil (*Narcissus Moschatus*), and Plantain-leaved Crowfoot (*Ranunculus amplexicaulis*), flowering. Fieldfares (*Turdus Pilaris*) not gone. Sand Martins (*Hirundo riparia*) seen about their banks. Two Common Swallows (*Hirundo Rustica*) seen.
 14, Cuckoo Flower (*Cardamine pratensis*), and Herb Robert (*Geranium Robertianum*), flowering. A Swallow seen.
 17, Glaucous *Kalmia* (*Kalmia glauca*), Cow Parsley (*Chærophyllum sylvestre*), and Grain-rooted Saxifrage (*Saxifraga granulata*), flowering.
 18, Evergreen Candytuft (*Iberis sempervirens*) flowering. A Cuckoo (*Cuculus canorus*) heard calling.
 20, *Gentianella* (*Gentiana acaulis*) flowering.

METEOROLOGICAL REPORT.

From the 20th February, to the 20th April, 1813.

- Febry.** 21,.....Showery, very high wind from the W.S.W. at night, with rain in the low lands, and snow upon the mountains.
 22,.....Showery morning, dry day.
 23—24,....Fine days.
 25,.....Wet.
 26,.....Showery, very stormy in the night, with a heavy fall of snow on the mountains.
 27,.....Some showers of rain and hail.
 28,.....Dry day.
March 1,.....Fine morning, showery afternoon.
 2,.....Fine, a shower at night.
 3—4,....Fine.
 5,.....Some showers in the morning.
 6—8,....Fine.
 9,.....Showery.
 10,.....Dark day, some showers at night.
 11—12,....Fine, frosty mornings.
 13,.....A fall of snow in the morning, which melted off in the lowlands by 10 o'clock, A.M.